

PARISH CALENDAR

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 26, 2016

Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Saturday, June 25	..... 5:00 p. m.	Mass
Sunday, June 26	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 5:00 p. m.	Mass
Monday, June 27	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, June 28	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
Wednesday, June 29	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, June 30	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 7:30 p. m.	Feeding Menu - Baked Beans & Hot Dogs
Friday, July 1	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, July 2 4:00-4:45 pm	Confession
 5:00 p.m.	Mass

GOD IS
LOVE

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NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Isaiah: 66:10-14c: God's comforting, maternal words to those returning to Jerusalem.

Gal:6:14-18: Salvation through the cross is everything.

Luke:10:1-12, 17-20: The 72 disciples are sent to preach about the kingdom.

Living Catholic in the 808: How to Really Grow in Faith

Honestly, being in community is one of the best ways for our faith to grow.

Have you ever noticed that no matter how strong willed or minded someone is they are usually hanging out with people that have the same morals/goals as them? This is human nature - God called us to be in community with one another.

So, if you really want to deepen your faith and to grow in it, you need to surround yourself with people that also want this. When you surround yourself and hangout with people that have the same morals/goals as you, you have a higher chance of growing in your faith than if you surrounded yourself with people who don't.

These friends also may know things about your faith that you do not know and can help you see it in a different light. It is truly a different experience when you have people in your life that are growing along side you.

The truth is, no matter what we want to do in life, there is only so much we can do by ourselves. Even when it comes to our faith.

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Serve one another
through love
for the whole law is fulfilled
in one statement

You shall love
your neighbor
as yourself

St. Paul to the Galatians

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Out of love
place yourselves at one
another's service



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PETER PENCE COLLECTION: Today's special collection, we re supporting Pope Francis in his charitable work. The Peter's Pence Collection, is taken up worldwide to support our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the collection is an opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous in today's collection.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: In today's second reading, we are told: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Our spouse is our closest neighbor. Are we striving every day to love our spouse as Christ calls us to? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are: **Oahu - September 23-25 and Maui - August 26-28.** For more information contact Lee & Tanya Barbero @ (808) 268-1578 on Maui or Jose & Mary Elizabeth Alvior @ (808) 391-2045; or visit our website at www.hawaiiwwme.org. Get your spot reserved now.

WORD OF LIFE: "[M]iscarriage includes emotional, relational and spiritual suffering that requires assistance from family, friends and church leaders. . . . Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering." –*"Solace and Strength in the Sorrow fo Miscariage" 2014-15 Respect Life Program USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities* (www.goo.gl/vZPuIL)*Name changed for privacy

WEEKLY READINGS

Jun 26 Sun: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings:19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16; Gal:5:1, 13-18; Lk: 9: 51-62

Jun 27 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Amos: 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50: 16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23; Mt 8:18-22

Jun 28 Tue: Memorial of Irenaeus, bishop and martyr

Amos: 3:1-8, 4:11-12; Ps: 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8; Mt:8:23-27

Jun 29 Wed: Solemnity of Peter and Paul, apostles

Acts: 12:1-11; 2; Ps 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Tim: 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt: 16:13-19

Jun 30 Thur Ordinary Weekday

Amos: 7:10-17; Ps 19: 8, 9, 10, 11; Mt: 9:1-8

Jul 1 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

Amos: 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119: 2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131; Mt: 9:9-13

Jul 2 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

Amos: 9:11-15; Ps 85: 9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 9:14-17

HOW DO WE SPEND OUR FREE TIME?

The first reading and Gospel for today tell stories about people who want to dwell in the past. Christian freedom means that, once the past is taken care of, we move forward toward a future where we can use our freedom to love our neighbors. Too often we are barraged with advertising that tries to tell us exactly how to use our freedom. We should be spending our free time in shopping malls. We should be freely spending our money on SUVs, boats, larger and larger homes, and the biggest-screen TV. We should be spending our leisure time traveling to exotic places. Christian freedom means something quite distinct from these values, espoused by so many in our society. Today the scriptures call us to use our freedom to make this world a better place for the poor and needy. Today is one of those days when the Christian message is clear, concise, and quite easy to grasp. Putting this into practice is the challenging part for all of us.

NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

Today's Gospel reveals to us the beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. We will journey with Jesus for many Sundays to come, and along the way he will teach us about the demands of discipleship. His instructions may seem harsh and unreasonable to our ears. His response to legitimate requests to postpone the journey reminds us that there are always justifiable excuses to defer the journey or put off the responsibilities of discipleship. Other important matters compete for our attention. Some of us must make heart-wrenching choices, but there is urgency about Jesus' mission to bring forth God's kingdom. His demand is that we proclaim the Kingdom of God now. Is this our first priority, or do we have other priorities? (*International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin*)

CHRISTIAN FREEDOM

Today's second reading from the letter to the Galatians focuses on freedom. Freedom can mean different things to different people. We pride ourselves in this country on the fact that we enjoy freedom, which is guaranteed by our constitution. To be free, to some people, means that they may do whatever they please. Through baptism, Christians live in the freedom of the children of God. It is the way we use this freedom that is at the heart of the scriptures we hear today. What is central to true Christian freedom is found in today's second reading. There, Saint Paul writes that "the whole law is fulfilled in one statement, namely, You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Galatians 5:14). Freedom, in the Christian sense, has a forward-looking thrust. It is true that in baptism we are freed from sin, but there is also freedom for something. And that something is love of neighbor.



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